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US CENSUS INFO

April 1, 2010 is Census Day. An accurate census of our area will benefit our school district and community by influencing the distribution of \$300 billion in federal funds earmarked for states and local communities. In order to accomplish this, it is important that everyone participates. Census information is confidential by law and no other agency has access to the personal data.

I have included information for you to share with other community members:

- The U.S. census is taken every 10 years.
- Census questionnaires will be mailed or delivered to households in March.
- The questionnaire is short and asks only a few simple questions-name, relationship,gender, age and date of birth, race and whether the respondent owns or rents his or her home.
- Questionnaires are returned by mail.
- Census takers will visit households between April and July if the questionnaires have not been returned by April 1.

How is census information used?

- To distribute Title 1 and special education funding, which impacts school district budgets
- To distribute funds for college tuition grant and loan programs
- To build new roads and plan for public transportation
- To redistrict state legislatures, county and city councils and voting districts
- To determine areas eligible for housing assistance
- To plan for hospitals, nursing homes and clinics
- To direct funds for people in poverty
- To develop assistance programs for low-income families
- Taking the time to complete the census form supports our school district and the Cy-Fair community.

Want 10 good reasons to fill out your 2010 Census questionnaire?

2010 Census Information is needed to:

1. Direct services to children and adults with limited English language proficiency.
2. Determine areas eligible for housing assistance.
3. Attract new businesses to state and local areas.
4. Develop adult education programs.
5. Plan budgets for government at all levels.
6. Plan for hospitals, nursing homes, clinics, and locations of other health services.
7. Direct fund for people in poverty.
8. Develop assistance programs for low-income families.
9. Create maps to speed emergency services to households in need of assistance.
10. Make decisions at all levels of government.

Letter from the Editor

April showers bring May flowers. I know I am ready for the rain to wash all the yellow pollen away that seems to be everywhere! The warmer weather means time to take care of the appearance of your home. Meaning lawns should be well manicured, weeds should be pulled and tree limbs should be trimmed. Also take a look at the siding of your home. It might be time to wash that mold that has collected on the siding which is a very unpleasant sight to see. If you don't know how to wash the mold off the side of your home a quick trip to a Home Depot type store to buy some products will do the trick. Again, the warmer weather means more people are out enjoying their neighborhood and expect the houses to be as nice as our neighborhood. Enjoy the upcoming warmer months!

Cindy

Dates to Remember

Last Day of School

June, 2, 1010

Summer BBQ Event

June 19, 2010

Annual Garage Sale

September 25, 2010 (rain or shine)

Riata Ranch

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Do you have an idea or suggestion for the newsletter? Want to submit a photo, article, or both? It's easy!! Email the editor at editor@riataranch.net. Articles for the newsletter are finalized on the 10th of the preceding month So if you get your ideas in before the deadline, you should see them in the very next month's newsletter.

We are glad to hear all of the positive feedback and we intend to continue to improving the look and feel of the newsletter according to what you tell us. So get as involved as you like! We look forward to hearing from you.

Riata Ranch Homeowners Meetings

The Riata Ranch HOA Board of Directors encourages all homeowners to participate in the monthly board meetings. The meeting is held on the last Tuesday of every month. If you are interested in participating please contact SCS management in order to add your topic to the meeting agenda.

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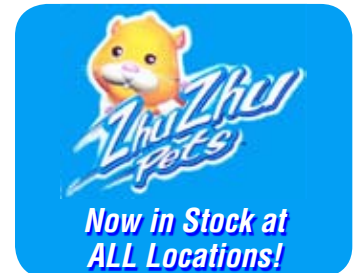
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RIATA RANCH HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2010 POOL SEASON

POOL SEASON IS COMING SOON!! The Riata Ranch swimming pool will be open weekends in May. Please see reverse side for dates and times. Greater Houston Pool will be handling pool management again. Their number is 713-771-7665: feel free to contact them for any pool related questions or concerns (except pool registration) and to schedule pool parties. Please follow these steps to register for the 2010 swim season:

POOL REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

1. Complete the enclosed Pool Registration Form. List all family members residing (full time) in your home in need of pool tags. All assessments must be paid in full. Swimmers must be homeowners and residents in good standing to register for the pool. All information must be filled out especially the Emergency Contact. Failure to do so will delay processing.
2. Mail the COMPLETED registration form, to the office of SCS Management Services, 7170 Cherry Park Drive, Houston Texas 77095, fax to 281-500-7167 or email to mluttrell@scsmgmt.com.
3. PLEASE NOTE: YOUR REGISTRATION FORM MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE JUNE 1. ANY REQUESTS FOR

TAGS AS OF JUNE 1 WILL BE SUBJECT TO A \$35.00 PROCESSING FEE.

4. Everyone must have a tag and worn at all times in pool area. Members may invite one guest per tag holder.
5. Initial registration will be done entirely by mail. Tags will not be available for walk-in registration until June 1.
6. For lost, misplaced or stolen pool tags, there will be a \$50.00 charge per tag.
7. Fees not paid in full prior to June 1, 2010 will not be allowed pool privileges for the 2010 pool season. This does not apply to new homeowners.
8. A limit of six (6) pool tags per address will be issued per household. Applicants requiring more than 6 tags should note the circumstances on the back of the registration form for Board review.
9. You will not be allowed entry into the pool without pool tags.

LATE REGISTRATION PROCEDURES:

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paid prior to receipt of the tags. Please make your check payable to Riata Ranch HOA. Assessments must be paid in full in order to receive your tag(s). This does not apply to new homeowners.

2. Beginning June 1st contact SCS Management Services by mail or in person at 7170 Cherry Park Drive, Houston, Texas 77095, or call (281) 500-7107.
3. Tags may be picked up at their office Tuesday through Thursday, 10 AM to 3 PM.

RIATA RANCH HOA 2010 POOL SCHEDULE

The 2010 Swim Season will begin Saturday, May 1, 2010. The pool will be open when lifeguards are on duty during the following hours:

DAYS

Weekends in May: May 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30, 31*

Daily: June 4 through August 22

Weekends in August: August 28, 29

Weekends in September: September 4, 5, 6*

POOL HOURS

Monday - Closed

Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Sunday 12:00 pm to 6:00 pm

*Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day) 10:00 pm to 8:00 pm

*Monday, Sept. 6 (Labor Day): 10:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The pool will be open Mondays, if a holiday, and closed the Tuesday after instead.

*HOURS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE

Postma Elementary

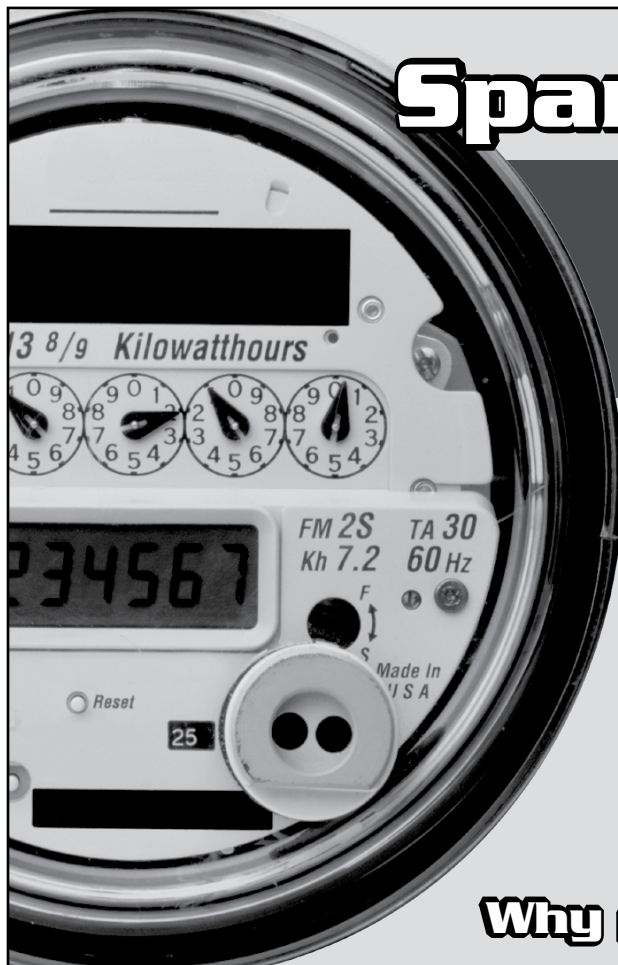
In case you didn't know Riata Ranch was rezoned to a new elementary school. Below is the information taken from the CFISD website.

Postma Elementary

The following will be rezoned from Postma to Rennell: Lakeview Lofts, Canyon Lakes at Stonegate subdivision west of the north to south easement and north of Tuckerton, Riata Ranch, and Towne Lake

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The following will be rezoned from Warner to Postma: Canyon Lakes West subdivision east and west of Fry Road



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DAMAGES

Keep an eye out for people that do damage to our neighborhood. It is very costly to repair damaged items in our neighborhood. One big expense is our gates in sections 6 and 7. If you see a car, truck or trailer hit one of those gates, take a license plate number down and report it to SCS management. Graffiti is another costly expense. Keep an eye out for people that do damage to our neighborhood because the burden of the cost falls on the residents of Riata Ranch.

LADIES

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WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 13TH, 6:30 - 10:00 PM
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PARKING DECALS

Parking decals for your car(s)...do you have one? I've seen some cars that live in Riata Ranch that have a parking decal. Personally I did not receive one when I moved into the neighborhood and the HOA decided it would nice to have a parking decal sent to all the homes for your vehicles. This will show what cars actually belong in our neighborhood. More information to come along to you on parking decals...stay tuned!

SCOOP YOUR POOP

Don't forget!!! If you have a dog put them on a leash and pick up after them if not in your OWN yard....enough said!

NOTE ABOUT SIGNS

A note to people who put up advertising signs of any sort: THEY WILL BE TAKEN DOWN! Signs are allowed only if they are approved by the HOA. Signs put up regarding sales, religions, singles meets and greets and any others of this type will be taken down ASAP. If you have a question regarding a sign that you would like to put up please contact SCS management to get HOA approval.Thanks!

AGGIE MOMS CLUB NW HARRIS COUNTY APRIL MEETING

Calling all Aggie Moms to the April 13th meeting to be held at 7 pm at the Houston Distribution Center conveniently located near Willowbrook Mall at the corner of Cutten Road and 7100 High Life Drive. All current, future, and former Aggie Moms are encouraged to attend! One of the main goals for the Aggie Mom's Club is to fundraise in order to provide scholarships for our Aggie students, therefore the April meeting is all about scholarships! Join us as we listen to former Aggie scholarship winners and learn how these scholarships contributed to their Aggie experience. Find out which Aggie students will be recipients of the new 2010 Scholarship awards. Attend the meeting to vote for your favorite TAMU organization to receive club funds! Join us as we elect the new officers for the 2010-2011 Aggie Moms Club.

Other upcoming events include a "Boots N Whoops" western dance fundraiser to be held March 28th and a baseball tailgate party in April. For more information, please see our website at www.nwhcaggiemoms.com.



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GARAGE SALE

Saturday, April 10, 8 a.m. – 1 p.m., St. John Lutheran Church, 15235 Spring Cypress. The youth of St. John are hosting a garage sale to raise funds for the National Youth Gathering. Everyone welcome! If you wish to purchase a spot to hold your own sale or for more info call 281.373.0503.

Annual 12th Russian Children's Folk Festival 2010

Happy Families has been sponsoring orphaned children to participate in our Russian Children's Folk Festival since 1981! We plan to bring 15-20 children ages 6-12 from orphanages in the Kaliningrad region with their chaperones to Houston, TX in June 2010. The children will be staying with host families for 2 weeks.

School age children are one of the most deprived groups of Russian orphans. They have few chances for a bright future in Russia. The festival gives them a unique opportunity to see a different world outside of their orphanages.

These annual events have found much attention from the media, including coverage on ABC's Good Morning America and New York Times and many more. See details at www.happyfamilies.org.

What are the requirements to bring a child? Happy Families needs to raise about \$2,000 to bring each participant. This covers airfare, transportation in Russia, passports, visas, medical insurance, translation and coordination. We are asking for your support and participation in this project. Please contact us for additional information on how you can help.

Sincerely,

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The following are the Terrapin Team highlights:

8 & Under

The girls' medley relay grabbed first place comprised of Komie Nguyen, Delaney Crowder, Beth McNeese, and Danica Gubic. Beth McNeese took first place honors in 100 back, 200 free, and 50 fly; Delaney Crowder took second in the 50 back and 3rd in the 50 fly; Danica Gubic to 3rd in the 100 IM, Byron Keller sped to first place in the 50 fly, and grabbed second in the 100 free and



IM; Jackson Dement was 4rd in the 50 free; Komie Nguyen was 2nd in the 100 IM; and Collin Stewart took 1st in the 100 IM, 2nd in the 50 breast, and 3rd in the 100 free.

9-10

Luke Bowman sped to a 1st place finish in the 50 fly, and 2nd in the 50 breast. Luke was cheered on by his grandfather – Coach Eddie Reese of the University of Texas. Matt Braswell was 1st in the 50 back. Jacob Eubanks cruised to 2nd place in the 50 back. Makenna Meyer was 3rd in the 50 breast. The girls and boys medley relay both took 4th place.

11-12

Abbie Jones achieve her 4th TAGs time in the 50 back and took 2nd place in both the 200 and 50 free; Lexi Bruno has now moved to the elite level with 3 A standards in the 50, 100 and 200 breaststroke events; Paige Fery placed 6th in the 100 fly, 100 and 200 back; Becca Taylor achieved her first A time in the 100 back placing 2nd, as well as 3rd in the 200 back. Aaron Thomson sped to 2nd in the 50 fly, and 4th in the 100 fly; Emi Strautman was 5th in the 100 free, and 100 % best times.

This was a tremendous team effort in the final meet of the Short Course season for the Terrapins. When you ask your swimmers and families who you want to train with not only to reach your full potential, but to do it in a nurturing atmosphere we hope you think one thing...TTST!!!

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projects? We have that! (And a whole lot more!)

Spring is finally here! My family has really been enjoying the warmer weather with lots of playtime outside. The MOMS Club has some fun and exciting activities planned for the spring. We just had our family picnic that was a huge success. We also have park days and a trip to the zoo planned for April. Do you have young children and looking for some fun things to do? Come join other moms and kids in many great outdoor and indoor activities. Are you new to the area or a new mom and need a friend or support; we are here for you. Don't let yourself feel isolated being a stay at home mom. You can attend two events before joining. Our membership fee is only \$20 a year. The MOMS Club is a great opportunity for

you and your kids to make new friends in our area. Come visit our next all-member meeting and see for yourself! There is a lot of fun and support just waiting for you! Our next meeting is Tuesday, April 13th at 10AM at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church located on Cypresswood Drive in Fairfield. We often have a guest speaker at our meetings discussing topics like finance, health, organization and other popular topics. As always, children welcomed!

For more information please contact

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CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB

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Come join us at the CY-FAIR KIWANIS CLUB and be a part of sponsoring children's activities, such as the Triathlon. CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE is the motto of Kiwanis Clubs worldwide. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis Club sponsors nine Key Clubs in the Cy-Fair Schools; supports the Cerebral Palsy SIRE group, Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and Sea Scout troops and activities; provides scholarships to outstanding Key Club members in our district; provides assistance to Cypress Assistance Ministries and Bear Creek Ministries; the Houston Food Bank; and many other nonprofit organizations.

Membership is open to persons of good character who adhere to the standards of good conduct in their community and believe in and subscribe to the objects of Kiwanis International. If you would like to know more about Kiwanis and the programs it promotes, we invite you to be our guest at one of our monthly meetings. The Cy-Fair Kiwanis meet at Hearthstone Country Club on the first, second, and third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 for lunch and informative programs. For more information, call John Carroll at 281-463-0373 or George Crowl at 832-467-1998.



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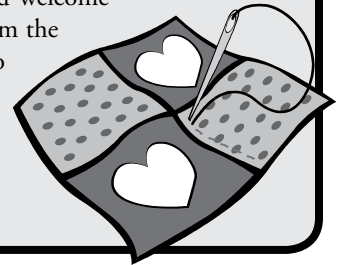
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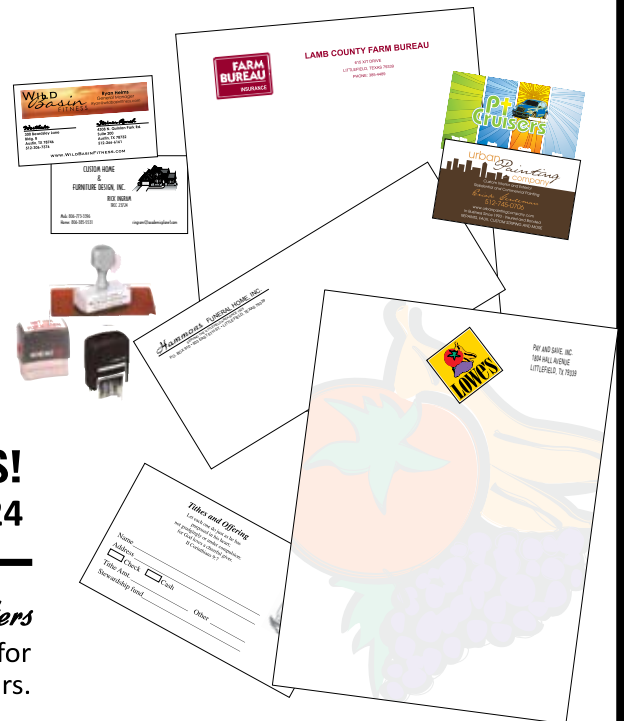
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Section 3	3	-	-	-	-
Section 4	2	1	-	-	-
Section 5	2	2	-	-	-
Section 6	-	-	1	3	77.36
Section 7	1	-	-	-	-
Section 8	1	1	-	-	-
Section 9	-	-	-	-	-
Section 10	2	-	-	-	-
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